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READY TO READ

STEP INTO READING®

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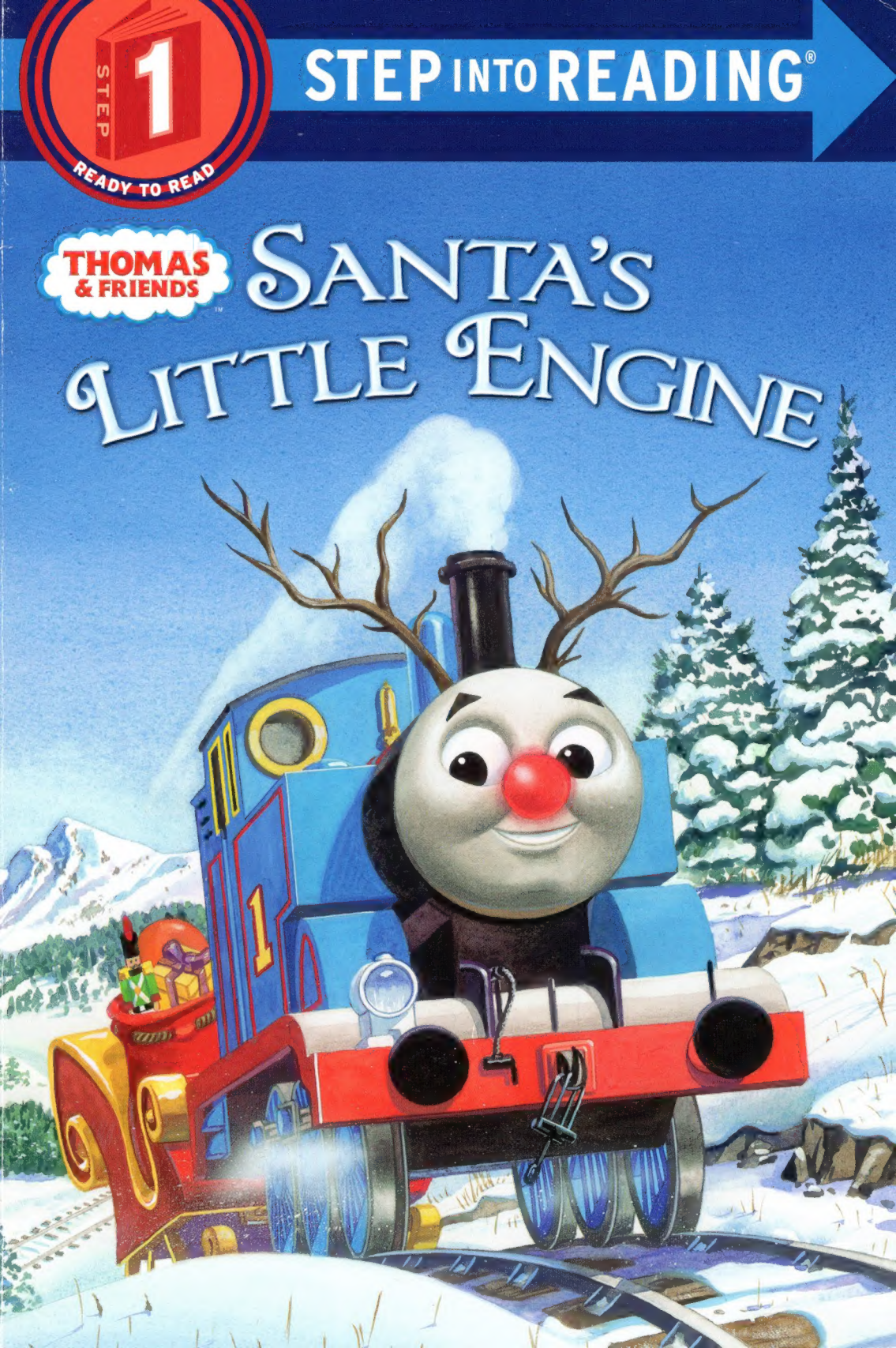

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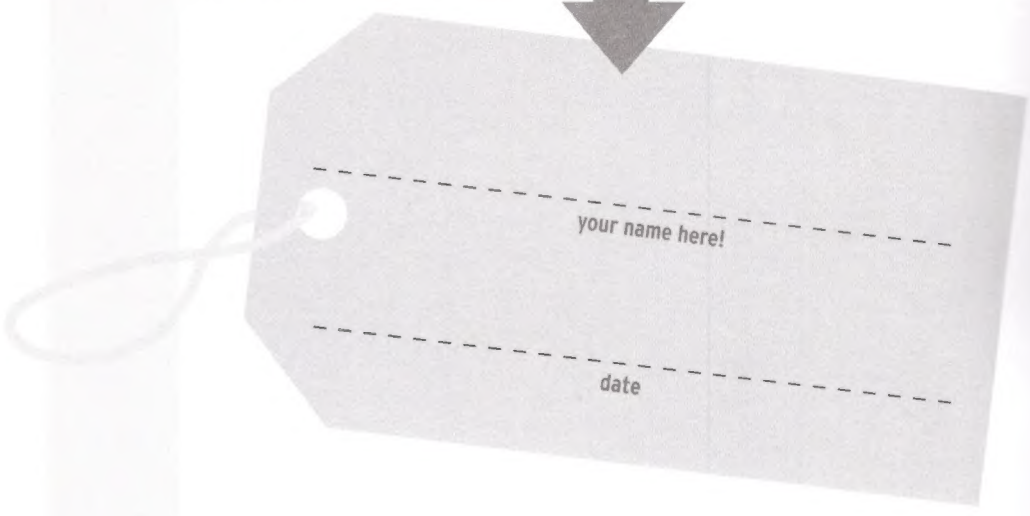

3 of my *favorite* books

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Dear Parents:

Congratulations! Your child is taking the first steps on an exciting journey. The destination? Independent reading!

STEP INTO READING® will help your child get there. The program offers five steps to reading success. Each step includes fun stories and colorful art or photographs. In addition to original fiction and books with favorite characters, there are Step into Reading Non-Fiction Readers, Phonics Readers and Boxed Sets, Sticker Readers, and Comic Readers—a complete literacy program with something to interest every child.

Learning to Read, Step by Step!

Ready to Read **Preschool–Kindergarten**
• big type and easy words • rhyme and rhythm • picture clues
For children who know the alphabet and are eager to begin reading.

Reading with Help **Preschool–Grade 1**
• basic vocabulary • short sentences • simple stories
For children who recognize familiar words and sound out new words with help.

Reading on Your Own **Grades 1–3**
• engaging characters • easy-to-follow plots • popular topics
For children who are ready to read on their own.

Reading Paragraphs **Grades 2–3**
• challenging vocabulary • short paragraphs • exciting stories
For newly independent readers who read simple sentences with confidence.

Ready for Chapters **Grades 2–4**
• chapters • longer paragraphs • full-color art
For children who want to take the plunge into chapter books but still like colorful pictures.

STEP INTO READING® is designed to give every child a successful reading experience. The grade levels are only guides; children will progress through the steps at their own speed, developing confidence in their reading.

Remember, a lifetime love of reading starts with a single step!

Thomas the Tank Engine & Friends™

CREATED BY BRITT ALLCROFT

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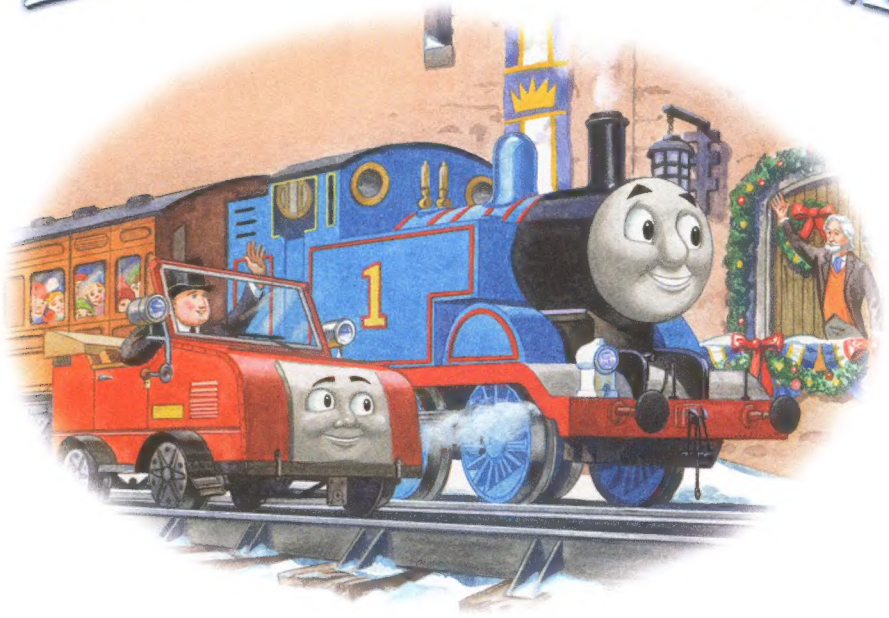

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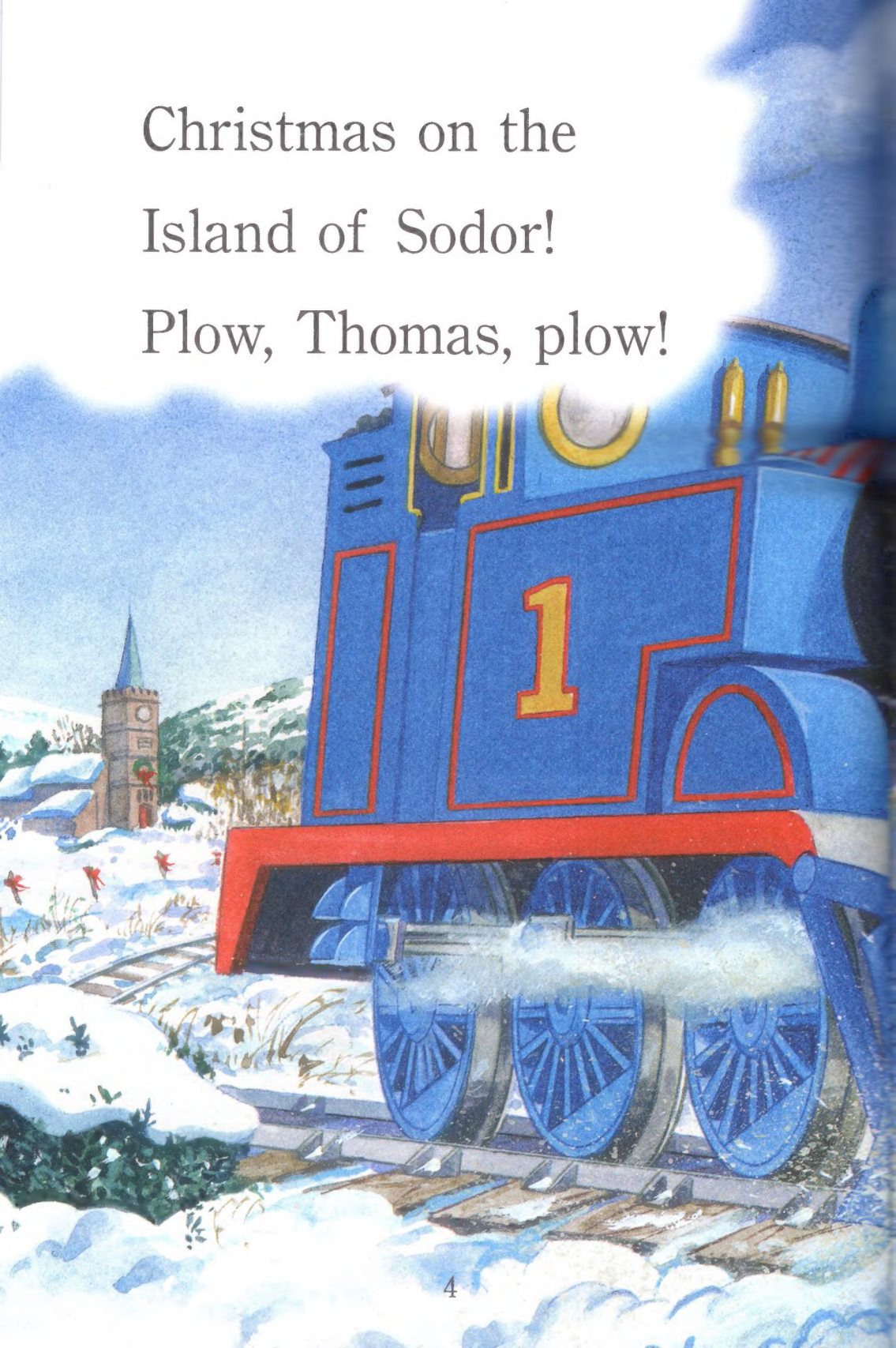
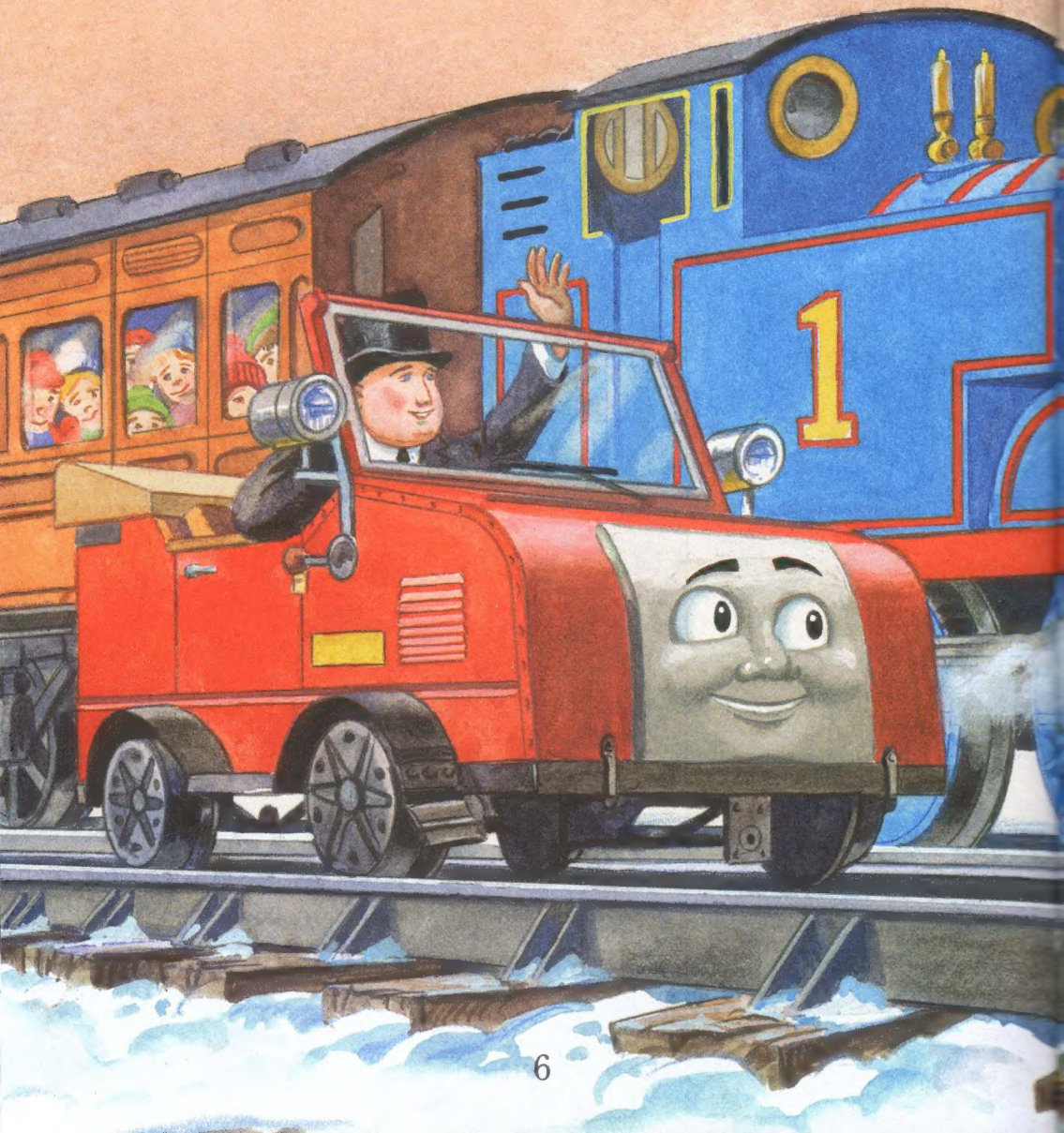
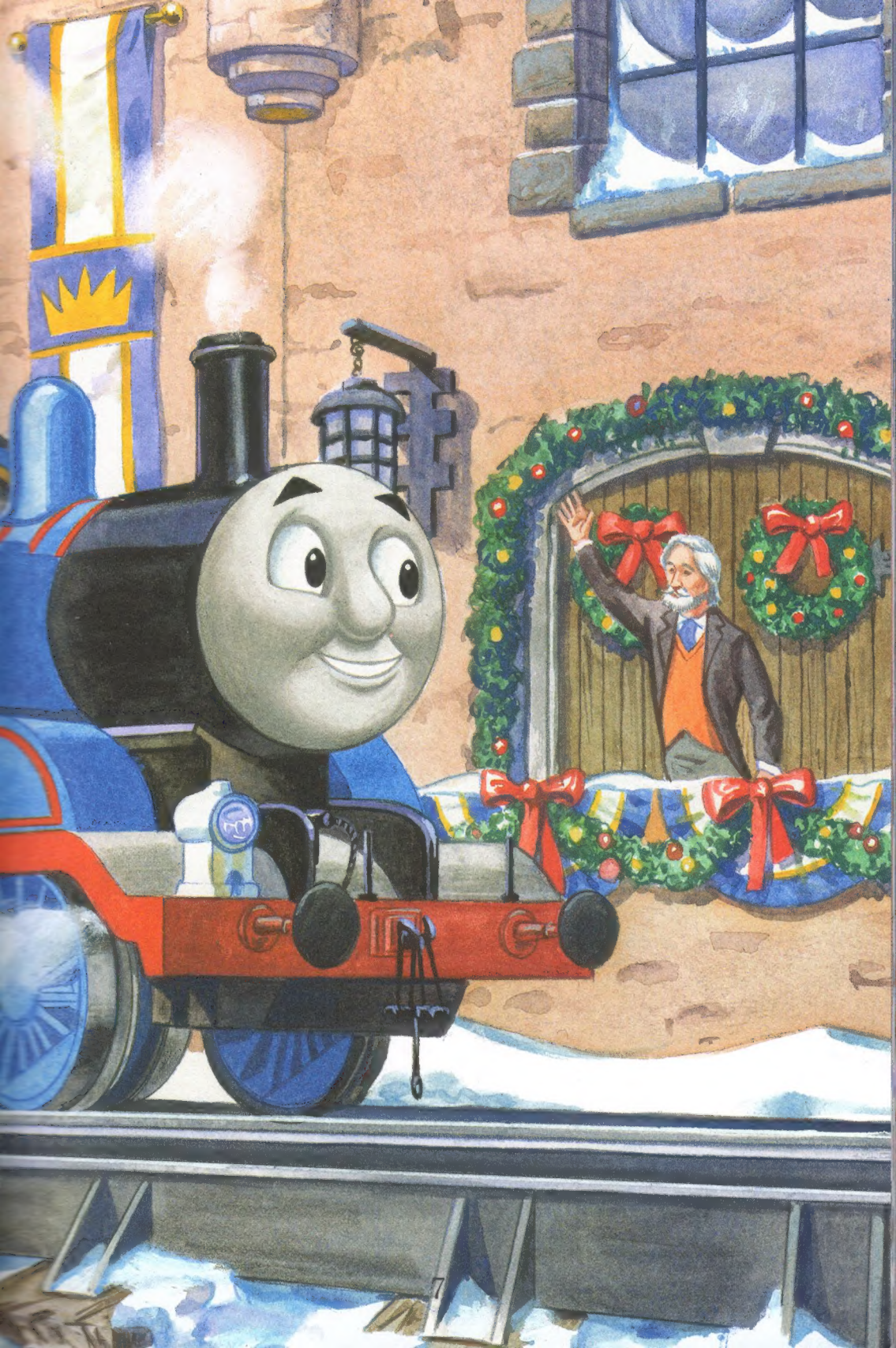
Christmas on the
Island of Sodor!
Plow, Thomas, plow!



It is time
for the Christmas fair.
Who will play Santa?





Sir Topham Hatt!

Santa needs a sled.

Workers hammer.

Painters paint.

Winston does not look like a sled.

Thomas picks up
a real sled.

CRANKY
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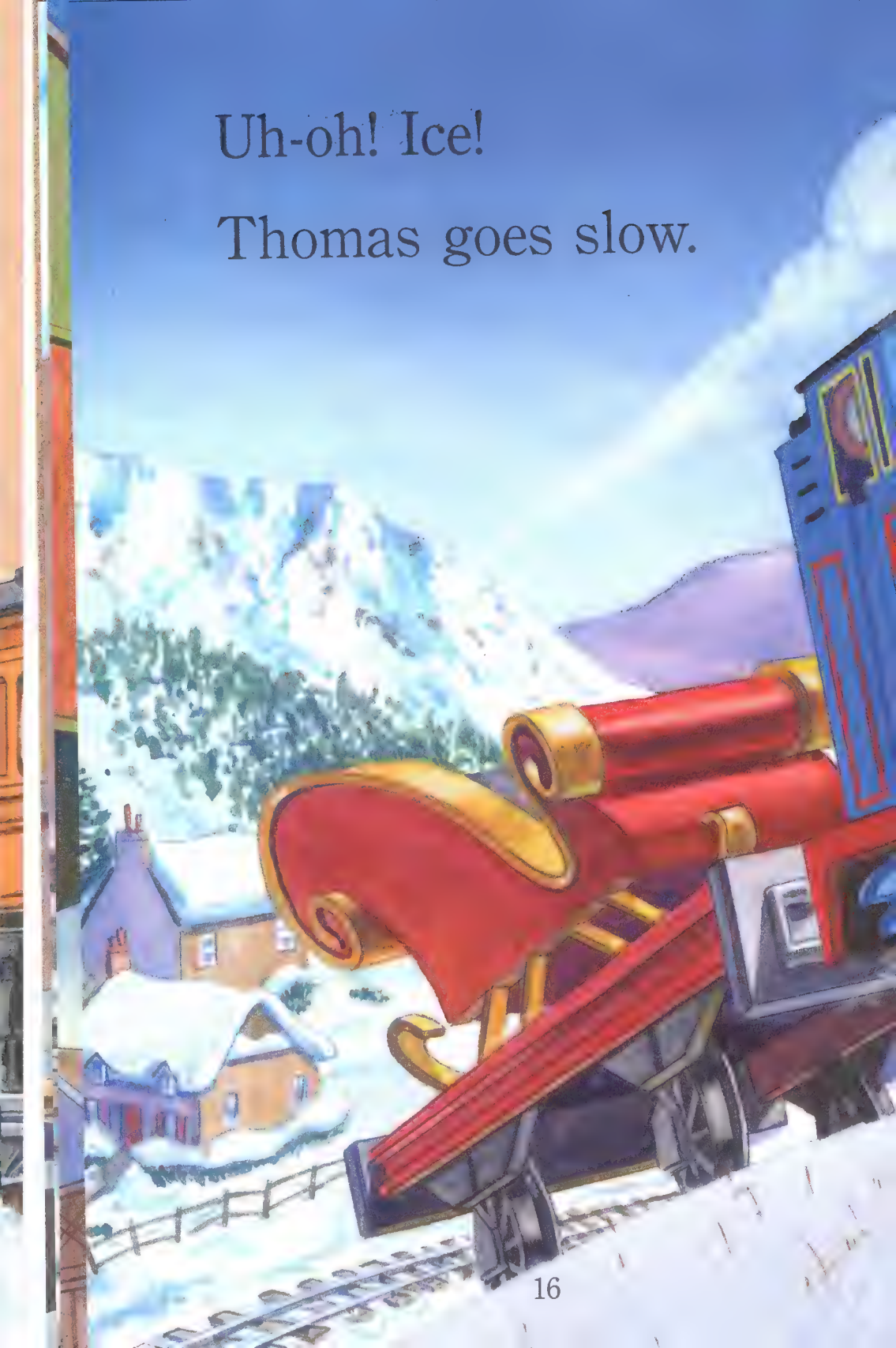
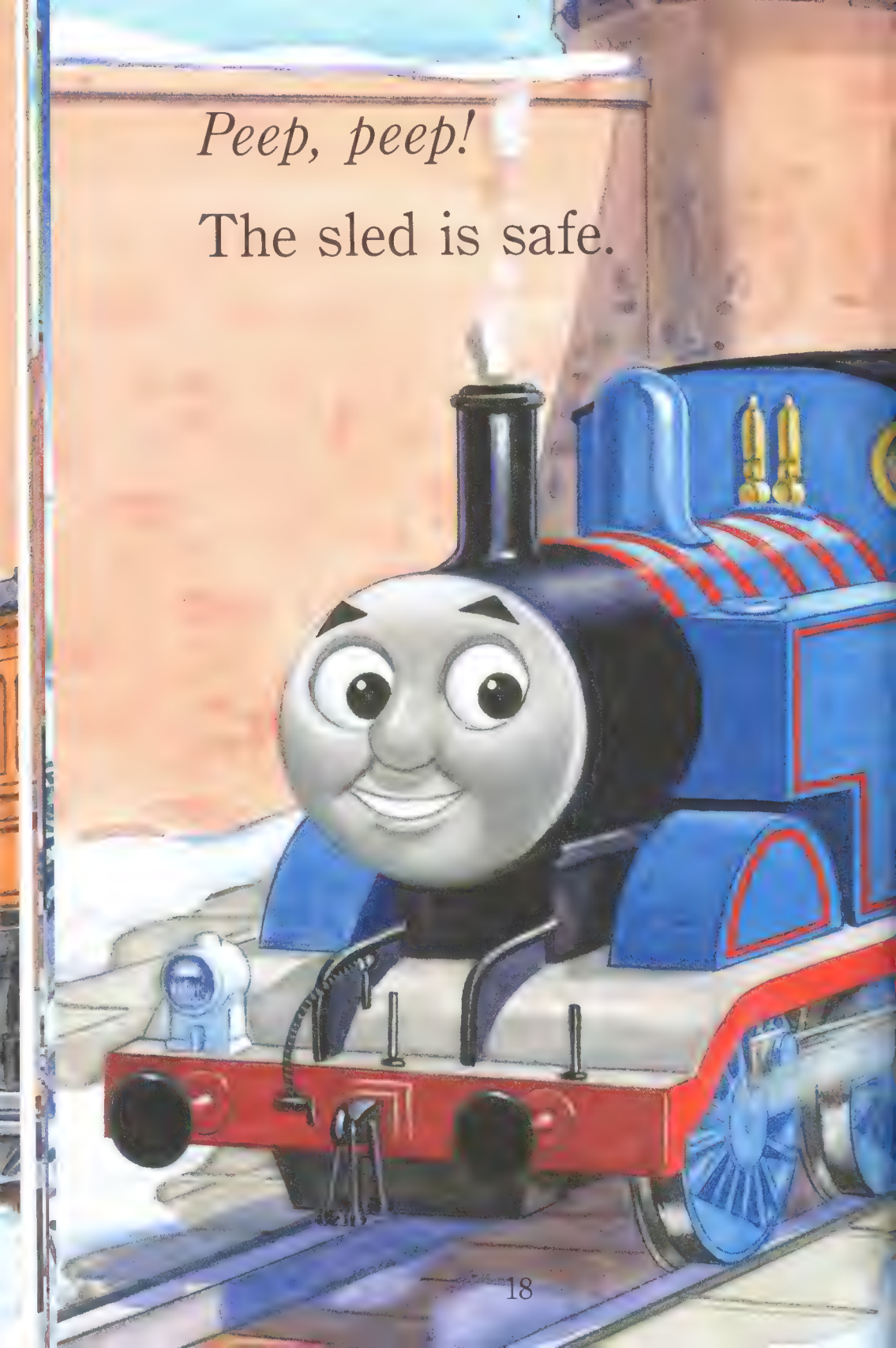
Uh-oh! Ice!

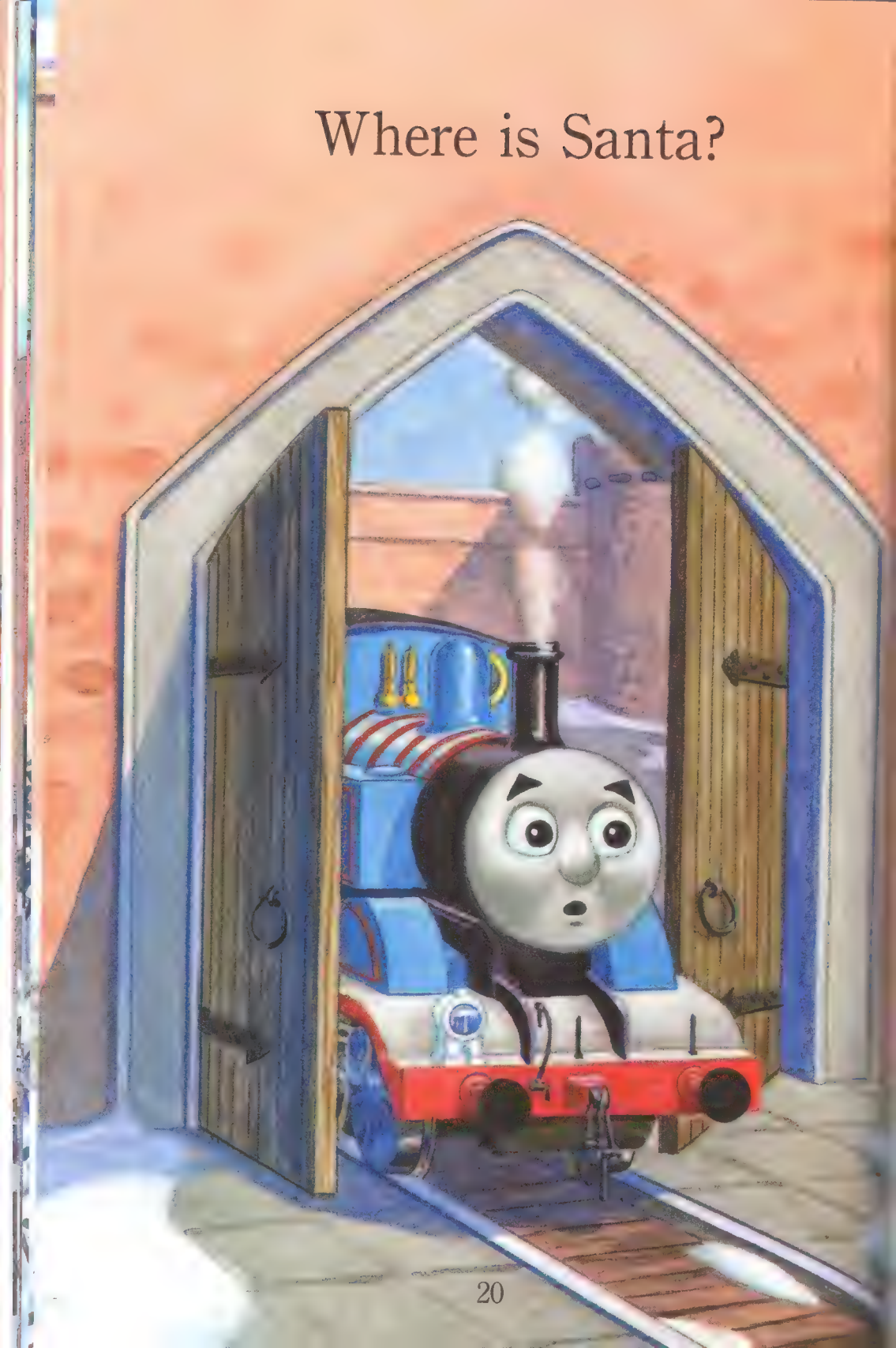
Thomas goes slow.




Peep, peep!

The sled is safe.

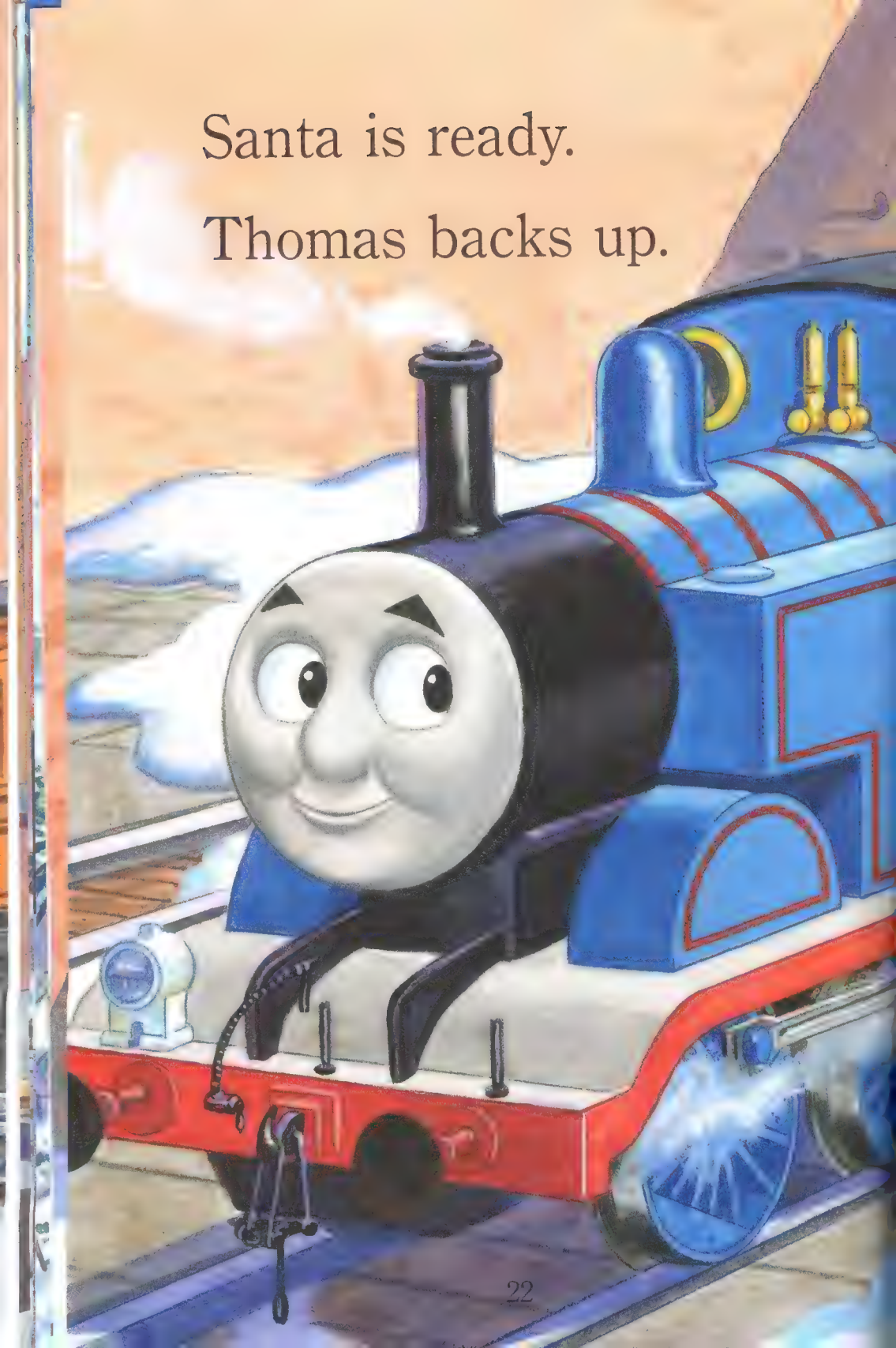
Where is Santa?

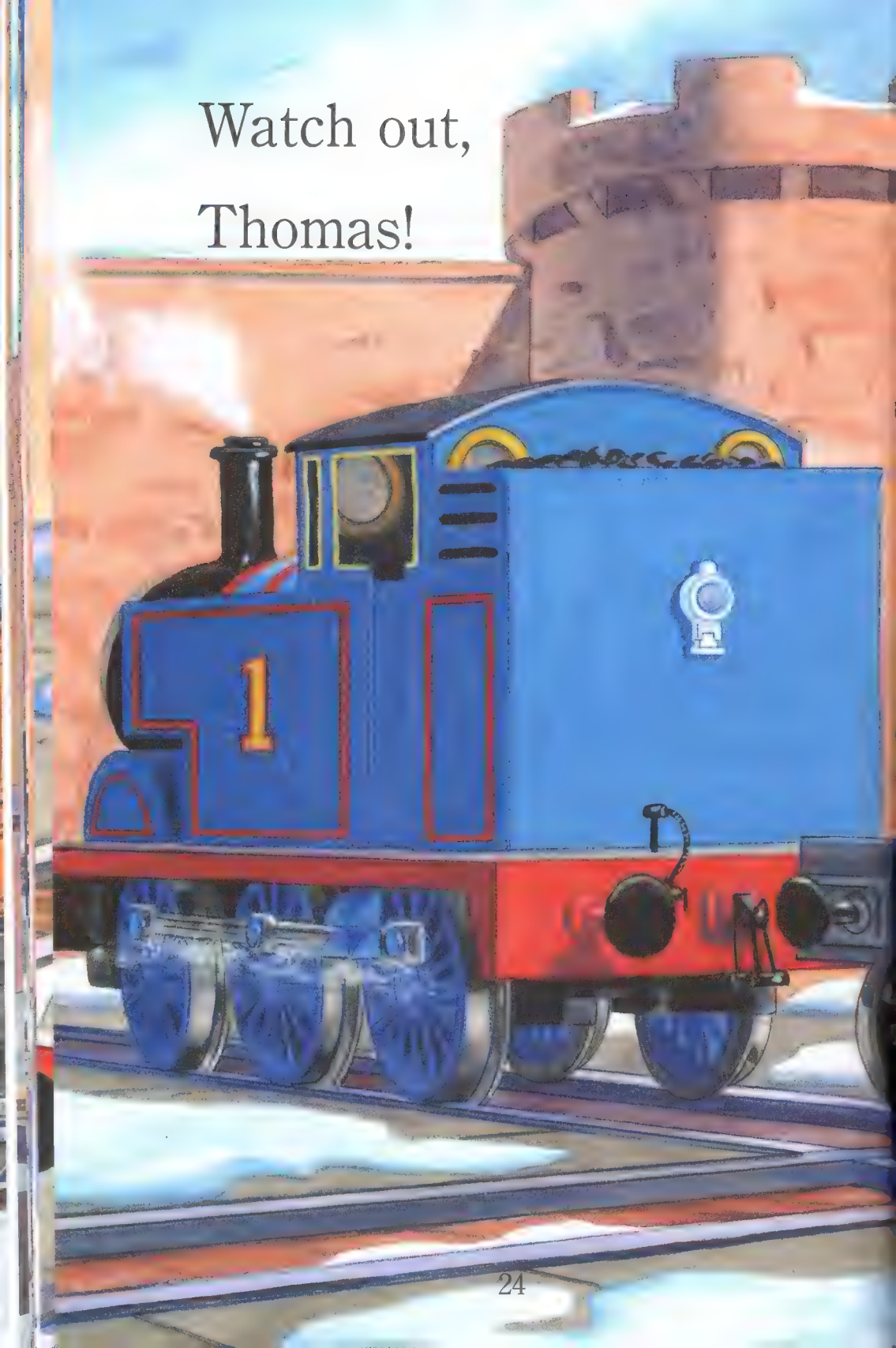


Ho, ho, ho!

Santa is ready.

Thomas backs up.




Watch out,
Thomas!
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Oh, no!

He bumps the sled!

Thomas will save Santa.

Hurry, Thomas!

Look out
for branches!

Peep, peep!
Ho, ho, ho!
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Thomas pulls
Santa's sled.

Merry Christmas!
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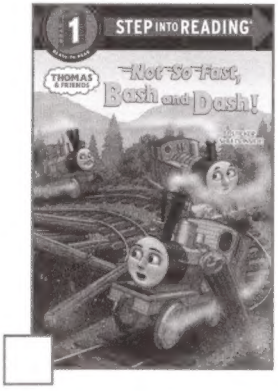
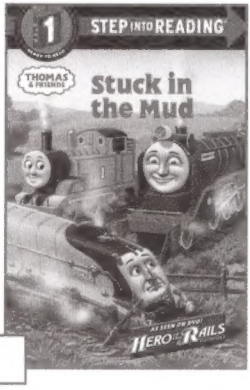
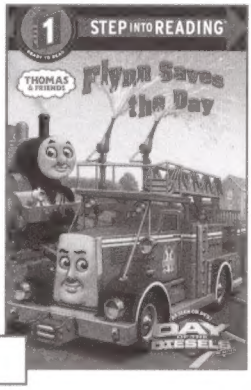
Have you read these Step into Reading books?

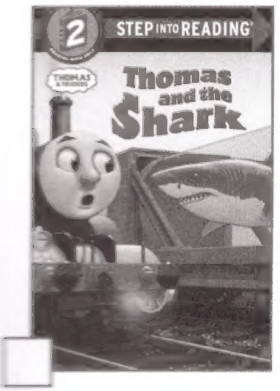
Put a check next to each one you've read!

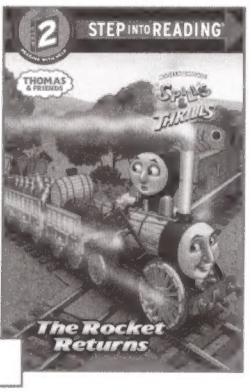


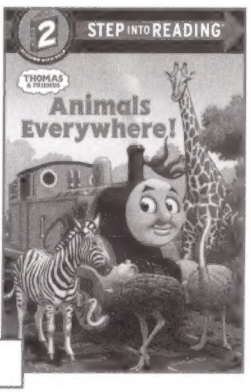




Are you ready for the next Step?







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and an engine to pull it!
Thomas to the rescue!

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